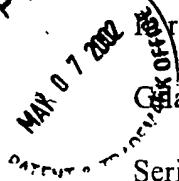


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of

Chad ALMOGY, et al.

Serial No.: 09/641,137

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For: VARIABLE ANGLE ILLUMINATION WAFER INSPECTION SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: H. Pham

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 17, 2001 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-24), species b) (claims 8-11 and 19-22). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction is requested in view of MPEP §803, which states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is submitted that the pending claims of Group I are sufficiently related so as not to present serious burden on the Examiner's search and examination. Rejoinder is requested upon allowance of the generic claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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